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Amendment To The Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A guiding pillar trim for a side-curtain airbag system of a vehicle, comprising:

a panel for covering a vehicle body structure; and

a guide member coupled said panel and being movable between a trim configuration and a ramp configuration;

wherein said guide member in said ramp configuration directing directs the deployment of a side-curtain airbag in a predetermined direction; [(.]])

said guide member having at least one releasable anchor extending therefrom.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 1 [[2]] wherein said panel has at least one aperture formed therein for receiving said at least one releasable anchor and securing said guide member in said trim configuration.

Claim 4 (Original): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 1 wherein said guide member has at least one aperture formed therein.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 4 wherein said panel has at least one releasable anchor for inserting into said at least one aperture of said guide member panel and securing said guide member in said trim configuration.

Claim 6 (Original): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 1 wherein said guide member has at least one tether member extending therefrom for attaching to said panel and securing said guide member in said ramp configuration.

Claim 7 (Original): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 6 wherein said panel has at least one hole formed therein for receiving said tether member.

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Claim 8 (Original): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 1 wherein said panel has at least one tether member extending therefrom for attaching to said panel and securing said guide member in said ramp configuration.

Claim 9 (Original): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 8 wherein said panel has at least one hole formed therein for receiving said tether member.

Claim 10 (Original): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 1 wherein said guide member in said ramp configuration directs the deployment of said side-curtain airbag generally away from a seatbelt mechanism.

Claim 11 (Original): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 10 wherein said guide member is coupled to a top end portion of said panel, said seatbelt mechanism being generally disposed adjacent at least one of a middle portion and a bottom end portion of said panel.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 1 wherein said panel guide member has a deflecting surface and said guide member has a routing surface, said deflecting surface and said routing surface for directing the deployment of said side-curtain airbag in said predetermined direction when said guide member is in said ramp configuration.

Claim 13 (Original): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 12 wherein said deflecting surface and said routing surface are generally aligned when said guide member is disposed in said ramp configuration.

Claim 14 (Original): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 1 wherein said guide member has a cosmetic surface and said panel has an inboard surface, said cosmetic surface and said inboard surface being generally aligned when said guide member is disposed in said trim configuration.

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Claim 15 (Original): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 1 wherein said guide member has a load-receiving portion for receiving a load from said side-curtain airbag and moving said guide member to said ramp configuration.

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A side-curtain airbag system for a vehicle comprising:
a crash sensor for detecting a vehicle crash;
an inflator device coupled to and actuated by said crash sensor;
a side-curtain airbag coupled to and inflated by said inflator device; and
a guiding pillar trim that is movable between a trim configuration and a ramp configuration, said guiding pillar trim in said ramp configuration for directing said side-curtain airbag in a predetermined direction; and
a biasing member coupled between said guide member and said panel;
said biasing member for biasing said guide member in said trim configuration;
~~wherein~~ said guiding pillar trim including includes a panel for covering a vehicle body structure and a guide member coupled said panel, said guide member being movable between said trim configuration and said ramp configuration;
~~wherein~~ said guiding pillar trim including includes at least one tether member coupled between said panel a said guide member for securing said guide member in said ramp configuration.

Claim 18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (Original): The side-curtain airbag system recited in claim 17 wherein said panel has at least one aperture formed therein for receiving at least one releasable anchor extending from said guide member so as to secure said guide member in said trim configuration.

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Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The side-curtain airbag system guiding pillar trim recited in claim 17 wherein said guide member has at least one aperture formed therein for receiving at least one releasable anchor extending from said panel so as to secure said guide member in said trim configuration.

Claim 21 (New): A guiding pillar trim for a side-curtain airbag system of a vehicle, comprising:

a panel for covering a vehicle body structure; and
a guide member coupled said panel and being movable between a trim configuration and a ramp configuration;

said guide member in said ramp configuration directing the deployment of a side-curtain airbag in a predetermined direction;

said guide member having at least one tether member extending therefrom for attaching to said panel and securing said guide member in said ramp configuration.

Claim 22 (New): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 21 wherein said panel has at least one hole formed therein for receiving said tether member.

Claim 23 (New): The guiding pillar trim recited in claim 21 wherein said panel has a deflecting surface and said guide member has a routing surface, with said deflecting surface and said routing surface directing the deployment of said side-curtain airbag in said predetermined direction when said guide member is in said ramp configuration.